

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic THE WESTON/CROWNER HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 951 West Benning Rd. not for publicationcity, town Galesville vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> X</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> X</u> building(s)	<u> X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> X</u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> X</u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> X</u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William Woodfield Jr. and R. Harold Day

street & number c/o Woodfield Fish & Oyster Co. telephone no.: 867-3421

city, town Galesville state and zip code MD 20765

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Registry of Deeds liber 3027

street & number folio 50 (Parcel #2)

city, town Annapolis state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Md. Historic Sites Inventory

date federal X state X county local

depository for survey records Md. Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD

7. Description

Survey No. AA-920

Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered

☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Weston/Crowner House is a 1½-story frame block 24'2"x14'3", facing NE, with an 18'4"x6'9" acreeen+enclosed porch on the front (NE) side. Both main block and porch are raised upon concrete block piers. There are three bays with the entry door at center between 6/6 windows. Above is a central shed-roofed wall dormer with paired 6/6 double-hung windows. Another matching dormer is located on the SW (rear) elevation.

The main block is sheathed in German wood siding. It has a moderately pitched gable roof with exposed rafter ends and open eaves of medium overhang. On the porch is a shed roof with exposed rafter ends and open eaves of slight overhang.

A single narrow brick chimney projects through the center of the roof ridge.

The Weston/Crowner House, constructed ca. 1928, is located in the heart of Galesville's small black community on West Benning Road.

8. Significance

Survey No. AA-920

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Black History

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Weston/Crowner House was constructed c.1928 on "Lot 20" of "Stein's Property". (This refers to a Plat prepared c.1929 by surveyor John Shepherd of Bristol.) *
The Lot was deeded to Albert W. Woodfield in 1929 (F.S.R.54/95, 6-20-1929), however he apparently had acquired use of the property prior to this date. He hired contractor Randolph Hopkins to build the house as a rental unit for Woodfield Oyster Co. employees.

The first tenants to occupy the house were the Westons, according to Elizabeth Weston Crowner who was three years old in 1928 when her parents moved in. Fifty-seven years later, Elizabeth Crowner still lives in the house, with her husband.

Randolph Hopkins built another house for the Woodfield Company in the 1920's. It was the Rose Turner House (AA-911) which was moved in 1967 from its location next to the Woodfield Co. on Tenthouse Creek to the "Susan Turner Site" adjacent to the Quaker Burying Ground. The two houses built by Hopkins have a strong resemblance to one another.

* See Inventory File #921 for a copy of the "Stein's Property" plat.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. AA-920

Oral Interviews: William R. Woodfield, Sr.

Elizabeth Weston Crowner

"Stein's Property", Platted (c.1929) by John Shepherd, Surveyor, Bristol, Md., traced
Feb. 24, 1955 by Edward Hall III, Surveyor, Annapolis, Md.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Deale 1957; photorevised 1970Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting		Northing						

B

Zone	Easting		Northing						

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan R. Wetherill, Volunteerorganization Anne Arundel Co. Committee/MHT

date _____

street & number P.O. Box 1573

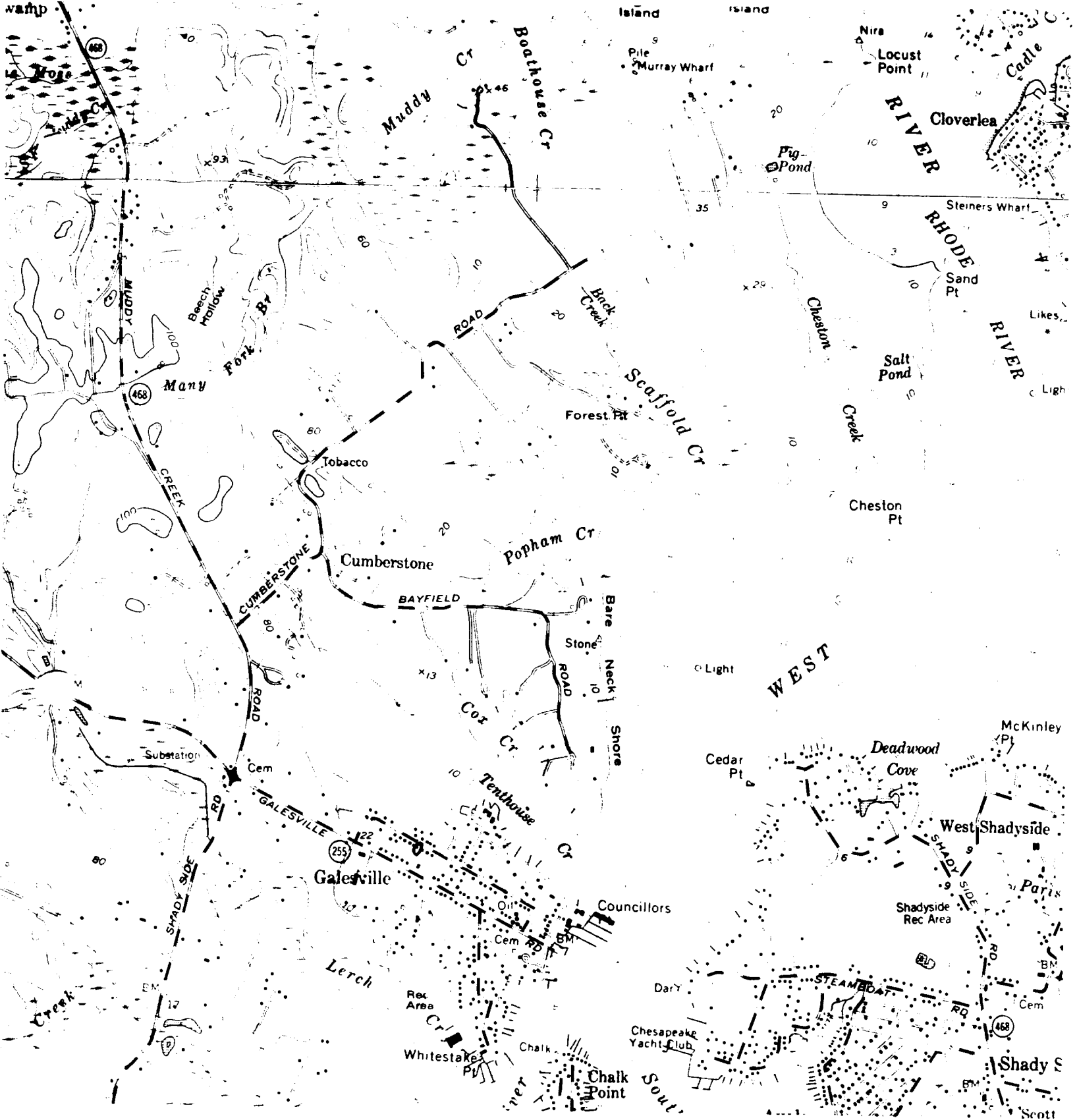
telephone _____

city or town Annapolisstate MD 21404

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an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated
Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and
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individual property rights.

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 Galesville



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Weston/Crowner House

A.A. Co, Ind.

S. Wetherill, 2/88

~~ROLL #5~~

~~FRAME 8~~

North corner

Standing in doorway, Eliz. Weston Crowner



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Weston/Crowner House

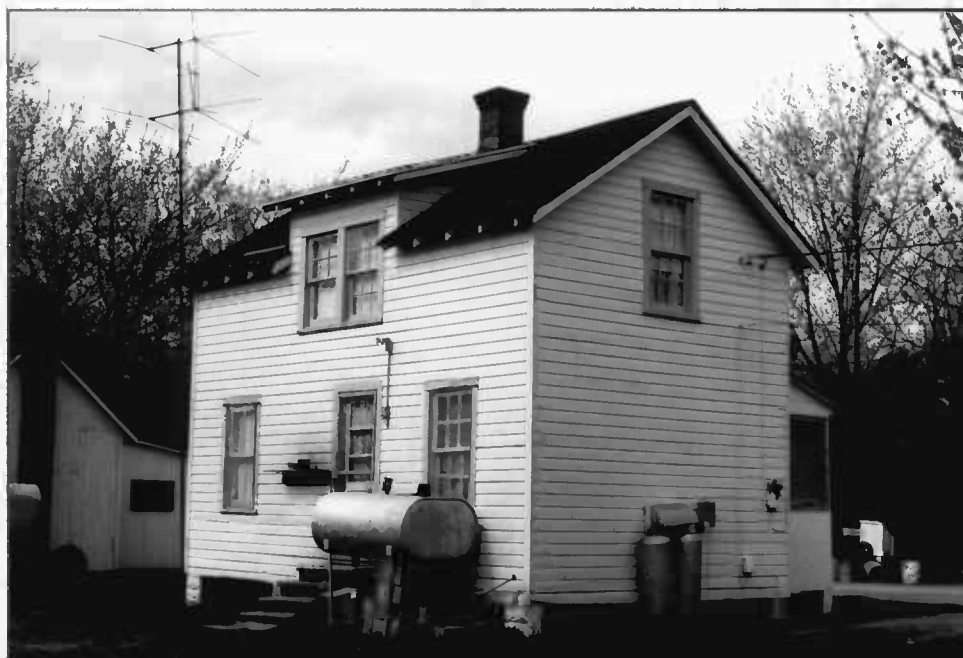
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~~Roll # 10~~

~~FRAME 14~~

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East Corner



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Weston/Crowner House

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S. Wetherill, 4/85

South Corner



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Weston/Crowner House

A.A. Co., Md

S. Wetherill, 2/85

North Corner

(Robert Crowner House behind, AA-921)



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2/14/85

- Henrietta Sellman (l.)
- Elizabeth Crowner (r.) who
lives in the Weston/
Crowner Hse (AA-920)

at 926 W. Beanning Rd
Galesville, Md., Henrietta's
house.

Anne Arundel Co., Md.
S. Wetherill photo.

Roll #8